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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/805,697	Applicant(s) SALICE, LUCIANO	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10/31/05.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 4,13,16 and 20 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,5,7-12 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6,14,15 and 17 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-3, 7, 8, 18, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Great Britain Patent 446,972 (IDS). An adaptor for a braking deceleration device for doors or movable furniture parts, which comprises a plunger *A* which can be pushed into a housing against a braking force, and an adaptor body *K*, the adaptor body comprises at least one accommodation recess for accommodating the housing *M* of the braking deceleration device and removably retaining the braking deceleration device housing therein, and ~~in~~ the adaptor body comprises at least one smooth external surface by which it can be fixed to the frame or furniture carcass by a suitable adhesive, the adaptor body comprises two smooth external surfaces which are essentially aligned at right angles in relation to each other. The adaptor body comprises an essentially triangular cross section

with two smooth external surfaces at right angles, as claimed. The outer surface of the recess is considered a circumferential rim, as claimed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 5, 11, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over GB Patent 446,972 ('972) in view of Wiener, US Patent 6,438,249. Although Patent '972 may not explicitly teach two-sided adhesive as claimed, the examiner serves Official Notice that such adhesive materials, such a two-sided tape, as very well known in the art of joining members. It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made for one skilled in the art to have included in the design of '972 such a modification, for the purpose of providing alternative means of fastening two members together. Wiener teaches that is very well known in the art of connections to use various types of adhesives and tapes, including double sided tape, to join various means, application is directed to Wiener, US Patent 6,438,249, which clearly provides in column 3, lines 18-20, the

known concept of using a variety of types of fastening means to achieve a desired joining effect, including double sided adhesive.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 4, 13, 16, and 20 are allowed.
6. Claims 6, 9, 10, 14, 15, and 17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments filed 10/31/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that the '972 patent requires precise dimensions to be permanently affixed to the doors or walls by bolts. However, the means of attachment appear to be screw bolts, which are inherently removable. Further, there is no structural distinction made in the claimed device of the present invention and that of the '972 patent.

Applicant argues that there is no suggestion of using non-permanent means such a double-sided tape. However, as cited in the above rejection, such means of fastening is very well known in the art of connections, as evidenced by Wiener, US Patent 6,438,249. Such a modification is still believed to be obvious, since it would provide an alternative means of connection that would have worked equally as well.

Conclusion

8. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).


A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark A. Williams whose telephone number is (571) 272-7064. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If repeated attempts to contact the examiner fail, the examiner's supervisor Brian Glessner can be reached on 571-272-6843. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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